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November/December 2023

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HOI Group Meetings

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Nov 15

Update on the Wolf Carbon Solutions CO2 Pipeline

Forest Park Nature Center, 6:30 p.m.

By November, expert testimonies by both the Wolf corporation and by pipeline opponents such as CAPP – Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines, will have been presented to the Illinois Commerce Commission for consideration in the permit process for the hearing. Hear the latest news regarding outreach and organizing and what lies ahead for the case in this presentation by Joyce Blumenshine, Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance. Slides showing examples of key locations of concern along the Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC route will be shown along with citizen-generated mapping in efforts to better understand population centers on the Wolf route. Bring your questions and concerns for discussion. The program is free and the public is invited to attend.



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Navigator LLC Withdraws CO2 Pipeline Permit Application for the Second Time

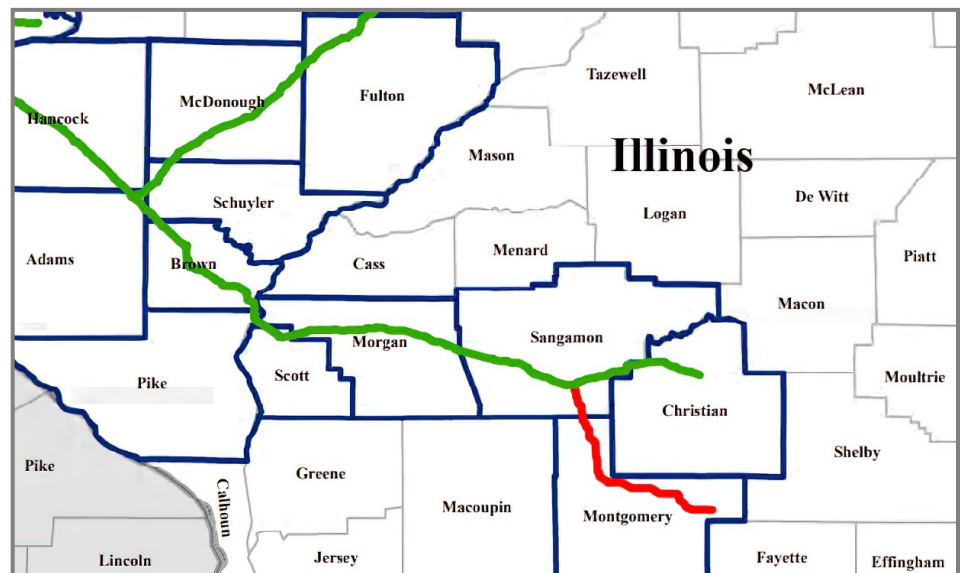
BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

On October 10, 2023, Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC, filed to withdraw its application to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for a state permit to build and operate a carbon dioxide pipeline across 292 miles in Illinois. The document filed is at <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/docket/P2023-0161/documents/342971>. Navigator requested the ICC, “immediately suspend the upcoming procedural schedule.” The permit withdrawal was done one week before evidentiary hearings were to begin October 17th and continue through October 20th. Evidentiary hearings are where testimony is presented by experts for the permit applicant and by those opposing the permit.

This is the second time Navigator has withdrawn a Heartland Greenway permit

application. On January 20th, 2023, Navigator withdrew its permit application which had been filed July 25, 2022. This was after six months of the eleven months allowed for the ICC permit process to reach a decision. Navigator refiled for the second time on February 23, 2023, adding in an extension of its CO2 pipeline going into Montgomery County for a proposed carbon sequestration area. The current filing to withdraw is eight months into the eleven-month permit process, meaning even more significant ICC staff time has been taken by case proceedings.

The most recent filing to withdraw stated that Navigator wants to reassess its route and other aspects of the pipeline system and its application. The document also stated that Navigator intends to reinitiate its pipeline application, if it decides that is appropriate, after the full company assessment is completed.



Navigator Ventures, LLC CO2 pipeline route map through Illinois, with a Montgomery County extension for a proposed carbon sequestration area added when it filed with the ICC for a second time last February.



Explore, enjoy and protect the planet

Illinois Energy Transition Workforce Taking Public Comments



BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

The state Energy Transition Workforce Commission was created by the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA). The Commission is charged with producing a report that anticipates the impacts of the energy transition on Illinois' workforce and predicting changes that may occur from 2020 to 2050. Public comment sessions are being held in various locations in the state and via virtual access. A meeting will be held November 9th in Marion and December 6th at a location to be announced. Written comments can be emailed to Tonda Reece at treec2@uis.edu. The key topics of interest are hearing the economic impact that a closure or transition of a facility has had on businesses, schools, and families. For more information about the commission, search for "Illinois Energy Transition Workforce Commission" on the internet.

ONE LOVELY TREE

Among the crowd of trees
clutching to the riverbank,
one delicately perches
on a ledge over the stream
while the forest of trees
vie for space
and flaunt their beautiful trunks,
straight, tall and fair,
immobile in the breeze
like soldiers at attention.

One lovely tree leans gracefully
beyond its ledge,
softly curving like the stream,
fighting neither wind nor water
as it dips the fingers of one branch
into the stream and waves another
in the breeze and
touches its roots
to the silently flowing earth.

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Call the Governor and Your State Legislators:

Request a State Moratorium on CO2 Pipelines and Sequestration Until Strong Regulations Can Be Enacted

BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

Let Governor Pritzker and your state senator and representative know you want public health and safety protected from hazardous carbon dioxide pipelines and leaks from underground CO2 injection. A moratorium on new pipelines should be in place until protective state and federal laws are in effect. Federal regulations are under review due to the Satartia, MS, CO2 pipeline rupture requiring 200 people to be evacuated and 45 sent to hospitals. Updated federal regulations are expected to be completed in the fall of 2024.

Phone the governor's office at: 217-782-6830 or 217-782-6831. The Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines has an online comment that is convenient to use at: <https://noillinoisco2pipelines.org/tell-governor-pritzker-to-stop-co2-pipelines/>.

**YES for
Moratorium
CO2 Pipelines**



Heart of Illinois Sierra Club

Holiday Bird Seed Sale



Support your local Heart of Illinois Sierra Club and stock up on bird seed to get you through the winter! All seed is from Kelly Seed Company. All sales must be pre-paid by the order deadline. Call 309-634-1381 for more information.

Order Deadline: November 30, 2023

Pickup Day: Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9 to 11 a.m.

Pickup Location: Kelly Seed and Hardware Parking Lot, 202 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria

Optional Delivery: Free delivery within 15 miles of Peoria. Delivery is on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Or take advantage of our Early Bird Delivery to get your seed before December 2.

Reminder: I purchased _____ bags of _____ _____ bags of _____ **For** ☐ Pickup
 _____ bags of _____ _____ bags of _____ ☐ Delivery

✂----- Mail bottom with check ----- Keep top -----

Seed	Size	Price	QTY	Subtotal
Black Oil Sunflower	25 lbs	\$ 17.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 28.00		
Striped Sunflower	25 lbs	\$ 20.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 37.00		
Sunflower Hearts	10 lbs	\$ 15.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 33.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 62.00		
Wild Bird Mix <small>cracked corn, black oil sunflower, red milo, white milo, white millet</small>	25 lbs	\$ 13.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 22.00		
Songbird Mix <small>black oil sunflower, striped sun- flower, sunflower hearts, safflower, white millet</small>	20 lbs	\$ 18.00		
	35 lbs	\$ 30.00		
Nyjer (Thistle)	10 lbs	\$ 15.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 33.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 62.00		
Safflower	10 lbs	\$ 12.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 28.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 48.00		
No Waste Mix <small>sunflower hearts, cracked corn, red millet, white millet</small>	20 lbs	\$ 20.00		
	40 lbs	\$ 37.00		

Seed	Size	Price	QTY	Subtotal
White Millet	10 lbs	\$ 7.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 13.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 24.00		
Peanuts in Shell	5 lbs	\$ 9.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 40.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 75.00		
Peanuts No Shell	10 lbs	\$ 15.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 34.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 64.00		
Cracked Corn	20 lbs	\$ 7.00		
	40 lbs	\$ 13.00		
Shelled Corn	25 lbs	\$ 8.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 14.00		
Ear Corn	25 lbs	\$ 16.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 28.00		
Fruit and Nut Mix <small>black oil sunflower, striped sunflower, sunflower hearts, peanuts (no shell), raisins</small>	10 lbs	\$ 13.00		
	20 lbs	\$ 22.00		
Suet Cakes	1 dozen	\$ 20.00		

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Check one: ☐ Pick-up ☐ Delivery (Dec. 2) ☐ Early Bird Delivery

Early Bird Delivery!

As soon as we receive your order and payment, we will contact you to schedule your bird seed delivery anytime before Dec. 2.

Mail order form and check for amount due to:

Heart of Illinois Sierra Club
 P.O. Box 3593
 Peoria, IL 61612

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

Optional: Send me an email reminder on November 30 to pick up my birdseed.

EMAIL _____

**Thank you for supporting the
 Heart of Illinois Sierra Club!**

2023 HOI Excom Election: Rules and Procedures

Ballots Due December 20

1. You must be a HOI Sierra Club member to vote.
2. Vote for up to 4 candidates for a 2024-2025 term to the Heart of Illinois Group Executive Committee.
3. Joint memberships may use Ballots #1 and #2.
4. Mail ballot(s) to: Heart of Illinois Sierra Club
P.O. Box 3593
Peoria, IL 61612
5. Write the name of the voting member(s) on the outside of the envelope containing the ballot.
6. Ballots must arrive at the Sierra Club's mailbox by Dec. 20.
7. Ballots will be counted by the Election Committee on Dec 20.

2023 HOI Sierra Club Excom Election Ballot #1

_____ Alisha Granderson
_____ Dave Grebner
_____ Diane Jorgensen
_____ Robert Rowe

2023 HOI Sierra Club Excom Election Ballot #2

_____ Alisha Granderson
_____ Dave Grebner
_____ Diane Jorgensen
_____ Robert Rowe

Alisha Granderson

I wish to remain on the Sierra Club board because the environment is extremely important to me. I believe everyone should have access to clean air, water and food. It shouldn't be an option, but a requirement.

Being on the Sierra Club executive board, we've discussed several important issues and topics and fought hard to bring environmental changes to our community. That makes me proud as a citizen to know that major changes occurred because of the hard work that was put into it.

We've had some major bumps, hurdles and setbacks to jump but each were tackled and overcome. Some were easier than others but together, we made our impact on our communities, society, our state and the nation as a whole.

I am going to continue doing work to ensure that each and every person is given their natural born rights to have a clean and safe environment. A clean and safe environment is not an option but a necessity and being on the Sierra Club executive board means that the fight for human rights continues. Justice WILL be served!

Dave Grebner

As a 47-year member of the Sierra Club, I care about protecting our environment and nature. With the threats of climate change, pollution, and habitat degradation we must be ever more vigilant in protecting the natural world around us. I would welcome the chance to serve another term on the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club excom board.

Diane Jorgensen

I am concerned about the environment, the use of natural resources and the preservation of natural habitats. As a nature lover I want future generations to have the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the sights and sounds of wildlife, waterfalls, running streams and rivers, to stand in awe of panoramic views, and to have clean air and water. This is why I have always tried to be an active participant in recycling and reusing and a supportive member of Sierra Club having served on the Executive Committee for many years. Through Sierra Club I have become more educated about our environment and the need to be vigilant. It would be an honor to be considered as a member of HOI Sierra Club Executive Committee.

Robert Rowe

It has been an honor to work with the HOI Sierra Club this year and to serve on the executive committee as an interim member. I plan to continue advocating for progressive legislation and for environmental justice at the local and state level. I feel it is important that we join forces with other organizations that share our interests and concerns, and when appropriate, to coordinate activities and advocacy efforts. In the past year it was gratifying to see robust turnouts for Lobby Days in Springfield and to accompany representatives of the I.E.C. and The Nature Conservancy to meetings with legislators. I was privileged to be able to assist with the design of some of our presentation materials. In the coming year, I look forward to helping to coordinate outdoor activities such as hikes and visits to sites of particular interest to our members. It has been a pleasure this year to get to know the dedicated members of the HOI board and to see in action some of the other civic-minded individuals in our wonderful community.

Be Vocal. We Want To Know What You Want!

BY BOB JORGENSEN

ATTENTION environmentalists! What part of being an environmental advocate peaks your interest? Something unique like what is it like in the Brazilian rain forest and how are the plants and animals doing there. Maybe your niche is which types of trees and whole forests sequester the most carbon dioxide.

You might also like the practical side of being green. For instance you might want to know about the benefits of putting solar panels on your roof and how long it will take before they pay for themselves.

What about ACTIVITIES you can take part in: Hikes? Clean up events? Public meetings where you can give officials your point of view? (With our advice.)

PLEASE let us know so we can try to set up a program at Forest Park Nature Center to answer your questions. You can contact us through our website. Just Google "HOI Sierra Club" and you can find our Facebook page, call someone on the Excom, email us, or send a snail mail to our PO Box. All the contact information is on our website and in our newsletter.



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